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Also in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609 for foreign language documents, Applicants note that US Patent No. 5,772,851, JP 10-226775, JP 8-041436 and JP 9-194798 have been cited in the International Search Report, and the International Preliminary Examination Report, and corresponding English language abstracts thereof are also enclosed herewith.

Further in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609 for foreign language documents, Applicants note that JP 6-122859 and JP 2-115291 are discussed on pages 2 of the specification, and corresponding English language abstracts thereof are also enclosed herewith.

Still further in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609 for foreign language documents, Applicants note that JP 2002-309210 (corresponding to U.S. Publication No. 2002/0161129) and JP 11-315260 (corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,432,529) are discussed on page 3 of the specification, and corresponding English language abstracts thereof are also enclosed herewith.

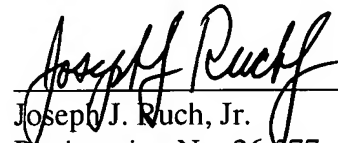
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